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SUBJ: PRESS REPORT--USS NIMITZ VISIT TO NORWAY

NORWAY'S LARGEST DAILY, AFTENPOSTEN, REPORTED AUGUST 19  
THAT STATE INSTITUTE FOR RADIATION HYGIENE CONSIDERS  
OSLO A SUITABLE PORT FOR VISIT BY NUCLEAR WARSHIPS.

FOLLOWING IS FULL TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED  
ON PAGE 5:

"DEPARTMENT HEAD LEIV BERTEIG IN STATE INSTITUTE FOR  
RADIATION HYGIENE TOLD AFTENPOSTEN THAT AGREEMENT WAS  
REACHED MONDAY ON SECURITY PRECAUTIONS TO BE RECOMMENDED  
DURING THE POSSIBLE VISIT OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST WARSHIP,  
THE NUCLEAR POWERED AIRCRAFT CARRIER "NIMITZ" WHICH  
LEAVES THE PORT OF NORFOLK IN VIRGINIA AUGUST 19  
TOGETHER WITH THE CRUISER "SOUTH CAROLINA" AND THE  
NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINE "SEAHORSE".

LEIV BERTEIG SAYS THAT A LETTER CONTAINING RECOMMENDED  
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SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WAS SENT TO THE DEFENSE COMMAND

YESTERDAY, BUT HE REFUSED TO COMMENT FURTHER ON THE DETAILS OF THE LETTER.

ASKED WHICH PORTS NUCLEAR CRAFT COULD VISIT, BERTEIG SAID OSLO IS A SUITABLE PORT. ON THE WHOLE, PORTS THAT ARE SUITABLE FOR ORDINARY SHIPS ARE ALSO SUITABLE FOR NUCLEAR CRAFT.

- THE NUCLEAR POWERED MERCHANT SHIP "SAVANNAH" VISITED OSLO IN 1964. DOES HAVING A NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIP IN PORT POSE A GREATER RISK THAN A NUCLEAR POWERED MERCHANT SHIP?

- NO, ONE WOULD THINK THAT A WARSHIP IS MUCH SAFER THAN A MERCHANT SHIP, AS THE FORMER IS BUILT TO WITHSTAND GREATER STRESS. WITH THIS IN MIND ONE WOULD PRESUME THAT THE MOST RIGID SECURITY PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN.

-. HAVE THERE BEEN VISITS HERE BY OTHER NUCLEAR POWERED SHIPS?

- WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL VISITS BY NUCLEAR SUBMARINES AT HAKONSVERN WHERE SECURITY MEASURES WERE TAKEN.

- HAVE WE CHANGED OUR EVALUTION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SECURITY PRECAUTIONS SINCE 1964 WHEN THE MERCHANT SHIP "SAVANNAH" WAS HERE?

- NO, NOT TO ANY LARGE DEGREE, AT LEAST NOT WHERE THE LARGER SHIPS ARE CONCERNED.

-. YOU ARE THE INSPECTORS, WHO MAKES THE DECISIONS?

- DEFENSE COMMAND GETS OUT RECOMMENDATIONS, AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MAKES THE FINAL DECISIONS.

STATE SECRETARY LASSE AASLAND IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE SAYS THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY APPLICATION FOR THE NUCLEAR POWERED AIRCRAFT CARRIER TO MAKE A UNCLASSIFIED

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CALL, AND ONE HAS THEREFORE NOT MADE ANY DECISIONS ABOUT WHICH PORT WOULD RECOMMEND.  
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